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1. USDEL REDRAFTED REFTTEL INTO MEMORANDUM TO UNESCO (FOECKE); COPIES FORWARDED TO LAWTON, CASELLO AND LEESTMA.

2. USDEL (TINSMAN) DISCUSSED CONTENT OF MEMO WITH FOECKE AND DR. BABA HAIDARA. THEY ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT CONFERENCE. TENTATIVE RESULTS OF DISCUSSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. WE AGREED THAT IF TIME PERMITTED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO HAVE INITIATED REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE AND PLANNING MEETING BY UN ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH U.S. DELEGATIONS TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. BECAUSE OF URGENCY UNESCO HAS AGREED TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACTS. HOWEVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MEET SUGGESTED OCTOBER 14-15 DATE FOR PLANNING MEETING, BUT THAT NOVEMBER 20, 21

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OR 22 COULD BE A REALISTIC DATE.

- B. HAIDARA IS TELEPHONING RELEVANT SISTER ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACTING 4 DEVELOPED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES (ONE FROM EACH DEVELOPING REGION - ASIA, ARAB, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA) AND 2 INTERNATIONAL (NON-U.S.) EXPERTS TO SOLICIT INTEREST AND COMMITMENT TO ATTEND PLANNING SESSION IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IN LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER.
- C. UNESCO FELT APRIL DATE FOR CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE MET. USDEL SUGGESTS DISCUSSION OF TIMING AT PLANNING MEETING WITH TARGET FOR LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE 1976.
- D. UNESCO AGREED TO DISCUSS ITS EXACT ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION AT PLANNING MEETING. UNESCO HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO AT LEAST THE COMMITMENTS MADE IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF FOECKE'S 6 JUNE LETTER.
- E. UNESCO WILL NOTIFY USDEL IN WRITING AS SOON AS IT HAS ANSWERS TO ITS INQUIRIES CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING MEETING. UNESCO IS AWARE OF NEED FOR URGENCY.
- F. SISTER ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD SUPPORT TRAVEL AND EXPENSES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS. UNESCO WILL PAY FOR TRAVEL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY REPS BUT EXPECTS U.S. TO PAY 4 DAYS' PER DIEM FOR EACH. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, BUT USDEL FEELS U.S. WILL BE ASKED TO PAY PER DIEM AT THE LEAST.
- G. UPON RECEIPT OF UNESCO REPLY, UNESCO WOULD EXPECT U.S. TO SEND FORMAL INVITATIONS TO RECOMMENDED PARTICIPANTS.
- H. UNESCO HAS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY TEN REPLIES TO ITS CANVASS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AGREES TO FORWARD WHAT INFORMATION IT HAS WITH ITS REPLY.

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